

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 13, lines 1- 12 as indicated:

Respiratory tube 26 comprises a proximal end lumen 30, a curved tubular body of sufficient size to permit passage of endotracheal tubes or related medical instruments therethrough, and a distal end 24 passing through and secured to the rear portion 45 of the positioning shield. Distal end 24 of respiratory tube 26 terminates at a distal lumen 32, which passes through the peripheral portion 40 of the positioning shield 22 and is secured to the rear portion 45 of the positioning shield such that tubes and instruments passing through respiratory tube 26 will be directed into the laryngeal opening.

Respiratory tube 26 may have any cross-section shape, provided that medical instruments are not prevented from passing therethrough. In one embodiment, respiratory tube 26 has an oval cross-sectional shape, where the cross-section is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tube 26. In another embodiment, respiratory tube 26 has a circular cross-sectional shape, where the cross-section is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tube 26.

Please amend page 15, lines 11-15 as indicated:

Distal end 24 is a continuous portion of respiratory tube 26, which has passed through the rear portion 45 of inflatable positioning shield 22. Rear portion 45 is formed between posterior base 42 and peripheral portion 40 after inflation of peripheral portion 40. Distal end terminates at an angle to its length forming the elongated distal lumen 32, which is open to the interior of shield recess 36. As shown in FIG. 8, the distal lumen 32 passes through the peripheral portion 40 of the positioning shield 22.